

# THE REPUBLICAN STUDY COMMITTEE



## THE BUDGET & SPENDING TASK FORCE

Rep. Rob Woodall, Chairman

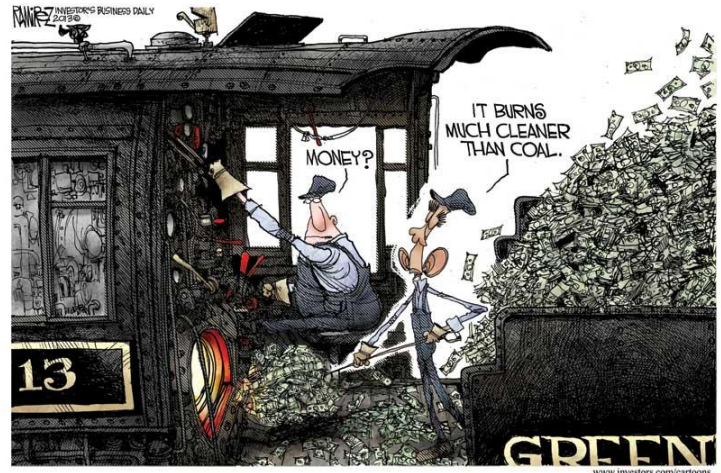
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### Weekly Report – July 10, 2013

#### Appropriations:

- This week the House is considering the Energy and Water Appropriations bill (H.R. 2609).
  - The bill rolls discretionary spending for the Department of Energy, Army Corps and other programs to \$30.4 billion, which is below FY 2008 levels (\$30.9 billion).
  - This spending level is \$700 million lower than last year's final post-sequester spending level.
  - The bill is \$4.4 billion lower than the Senate's FY 2014 spending level for Energy and Water.



#### Hold the Line on Spending – Cosign RSC Letter to the Appropriations Committee:

- As the House continues work on appropriations funding for FY2014, some may argue for “turning off” spending cuts agreed to in the Budget Control Act (BCA).
- The House Appropriations Committee has addressed concerns over defense cuts through its path of 302(b) allocations. However, if the Senate will not agree to House 302(b) levels, under no circumstances should the House depart from total discretionary spending of \$967 billion for FY2014 agreed to in the BCA.
- Please share your support for holding aggregate spending within the BCA's limits by signing the following letter. If you have any questions, please contact Will Dunham with RSC (x: 6-0718, [will.dunham@mail.house.gov](mailto:will.dunham@mail.house.gov)) or Nick Myers in my office (x: 5-4272, [nick.myers@mail.house.gov](mailto:nick.myers@mail.house.gov)).

Dear Chairman Rogers:

We write to express our support for maintaining the overall discretionary spending level of \$967 billion in Fiscal Year 2014 as called for by law in the Budget Control Act (BCA) and reiterated in the House-passed budget.

Unlike the White House and the Senate, the House has offered a roadmap to live within the \$967 billion cap set by the BCA. The House-passed 302(b) levels give detail to that roadmap and reflect Republican priorities, emphasizing national defense and eliminating wasteful and unconstitutional programs elsewhere in the federal budget.

If Senate Democrats reject this mix of spending, the BCA provides a backstop formula to meet the Fiscal Year 2014 cap by setting sub-allocations for defense and non-defense spending. While the mix of spending outlined in the BCA is inferior to the roadmap outlined in the House 302(b) levels, it is preferable to breaching the overall Fiscal Year 2014 cap.

As was the case in 2012, when the House passed the Sequester Replacement Reconciliation Act of 2012 and the Spending Reduction Act, we remain committed to combining discretionary savings required by the BCA with structural reforms to mandatory spending programs. These programs, if left on auto pilot, will continue to crowd out national security and other priorities, necessitate unacceptably high levels of debt, and push our country closer to a debt crisis.

(figures in millions of dollars)

Subcommittee	FY13 Post-Sequester	FY2014 House 302(b)	FY13 vs House FY14	FY13 vs House FY14
Agriculture	19,396	19,450	54	0.28%
CJS	47,140	46,845	-295	-0.63%
Defense	486,461	512,522	26,061	5.36%
Energy and Water*	34,310	30,426	-3,884	-11.32%
Financial Services	20,126	16,966	-3,160	-15.70%
Homeland	37,772	38,993	1,221	3.23%
Interior	28,299	24,278	-4,021	-14.21%
LaborHHS	150,238	121,797	-28,441	-18.93%
Legislative	4,070	4,124	54	1.33%
MilConVA	70,933	73,320	2,387	3.37%
State Foreign Ops	40,372	34,103	-6,269	-15.53%
THUD	48,673	44,100	-4,573	-9.40%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>987,790</b>	<b>966,924</b>	<b>-20,866</b>	<b>-2.11%</b>

\*Includes non-emergency, non-disaster Sandy funding (H.R. 152)

### **RSC Member Appropriators and Staff**

- Rep. Tom Cole – Steve Waskiewicz
- Rep. Chuck Fleischmann – Alec Vey
- Rep. Jeff Fortenberry – Allen Feyerherm
- Rep. Kay Granger – David Tully
- Rep. Tom Graves – Jason Lawrence
- Rep. Andy Harris – John Dutton
- Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler – Chad Ramey
- Rep. David Joyce – John Miceli
- Rep. Jack Kingston – Allison Thigpen
- Rep. Alan Nunnelee – Meyer Seligman
- Rep. Steve Womack – Chris Huffaker
- Rep. Kevin Yoder – Lara Driscoe

### **BSTF Appropriations Assistance**

- The BSTF remains available to assist members interested in offering amendments to reported appropriations bills. Please contact Will Dunham at [will.dunham@mail.house.gov](mailto:will.dunham@mail.house.gov), or ex. 6-0718 with any questions.
- The House 302(a) is \$967 billion to match BCA-mandated *post*-sequester levels. The Senate is writing its appropriations bills to \$1.058 trillion, the BCA-mandated *pre*-sequester levels.

### **Spending Reductions on the House Floor**

<b><u>Savings Scoreboard</u></b>	
<b>Cuts considered last week:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cuts passed last week:</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Cuts considered this year:</b>	<b>\$76,729,000,000</b>
<b>Cuts passed this year:</b>	<b>\$15,280,000,000</b>

Every week, we profile the latest data on spending cuts and deficit reduction measures considered on the House floor in the “Savings Scoreboard.” All figures are reductions in direct spending over 10 years resulting from bills offered on the floor. Methodology and a detailed breakdown of cuts are available upon request (RSC Staff Contact: Will Dunham, [will.dunham@mail.house.gov](mailto:will.dunham@mail.house.gov), Ex. 6-0718)